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FOLLOWING REPEAT TEHRAN 1677 ACTION SECSTATE DATED 20 FEB 75

QUOTE

UNCLAS TEHRAN 1677

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SUBJ: HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS IN TEHRAN

1. DEPARTMENT PLEASE INFORM NEA AND EUR POSTS AND AREA MILITARY HEADQUARTERS, AS WELL AS INTERESTED U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, OF THE FOLLOWING IN REGARD TO HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS IN TEHRAN.

2. THERE IS A CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS IN TEHRAN. ALL MAJOR HOTELS AND MOST SECOND AND THIRD CLASS FACILITIES REPORT FULL BOOKINGS THROUGH JUNE. THIS SITUATION IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE FOR AT LEAST A YEAR UNTIL NEW FACILITIES NOW IN THE CONSTRUCTION STAGE ARE COMPLETED. GIVEN THIS SITUATION THE EMBASSY REGRETS THAT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR IT TO SECURE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ANY VISITORS EXCEPT SENIOR U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TRAVELING ON URGENT OFFICIAL BUSINESS THAT CANNOT BE DEFERRED. NOTIFICATION AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE IS CRITICAL.

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3. AS THE HOTEL SITUATION HAS WORSENERED OVER THE PAST

SEVERAL MONTHS THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY FORCED
TO SOLICIT THE ASSISTANCE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OR THE
IMPERIAL COURT TO OBTAIN ACCOMMODATIONS FOR GROUPS OF
VISITORS. WE OBVIOUSLY CANNOT CONTINUE TO DO THIS
BECAUSE OF THE OBLIGATIONS IT INCURS AND BECAUSE IT MEANS
THAT PEOPLE WITH PREVIOUSLY CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS ARE
DISPLACED THROUGH THE COMMANDEERING ACTIONS OF THE
GOVERNMENT ON OUR BEHALF.

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